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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

vs.

Case No.

JOHN DOE.

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WITNESS: BIRGITTA FARINELLI

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EXAMINATION BY MR. PIROZZOLO & MR. HERBERT:

- BY MR. PIROZZOLO: Good morning. 0
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- Could you please state your name? Q
- A Birgitta Farinelli.
- And could you spell that for the Court Reporter, please?
- A B, as in boy, i-r-g-i-t-t-a F, as in Frank, a-r-i-n-e-l-l-i.
 - Q Where do you currently live?
 - I live in Д
- Now before we begin, Ms. Farinelli, I need to advise you of some rights that you have appearing here today before the Grand Jury. My name's Jack Pirozzolo, and with me is James Herbert, we're assistant U.S. Attorneys here in Massachusetts. I'm going to be asking you the questions today and, in addition, members of the Grand Jury may have questions, as well.

And you're appearing before a Federal Grand Jury that's investigating possible offenses of violations of federal law, including the federal harboring statute, a conspiracy statute and others as well. Okay?

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Under the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution you have a right to not answer any questions that you believe might incriminate you if you were to provide a truthful answer. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q And we've got a Court Reporter here that's going to be recording the proceedings here today. She's sitting right in front of you at the table.

And are you represented by counsel here today?

A No.

Q Now, I just want to tell you that if at any time you want to take a break, you can just tell me that you need a break, and we'll stop the proceedings and you can take the break. Do you understand that?

A Okay.

Q And if at any time you don't understand any of the questions that I've asked you here today, tell me you don't understand the questions and I will try to rephrase the questions in a way so that you do understand. Okay?

Now, you're here testifying under oath, you just took an oath a few minutes ago. Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q And do you understand that there's a federal crime called perjury. If you were to testify falsely here today, you could be prosecuted for that crime. Do you understand

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A Yes.

Q And can you tell us whether you're under any -the influence of any medication or any type of substance or
anything that would impair your ability to understand what's
going on around you here today?

A No, I'm not.

Q And so far have you understood the questions that I've been asking you?

A Yes.

Q Now, Ms. Farinelli, could you please tell us where you currently work?

A I am a hotel manager at the Embassy Hotel

Apartments in Santa Monica and, also, I manage the Princess

Eugenia Apartments.

Q If you could try to keep your voice up just a little bit.

A Okay. I'm the hotel manager of the Embassy Hotel Apartments in Santa Monica, 3rd, Street, and I also manage our apartment building across the street, which is 1012 Phillips Street in Santa Monica, named Princess Eugenia Apartments.

Q We're going to talk a little bit about your duties and responsibilities as the manager of the apartments in a little bit, but before we do, can you, please, tell the

Grand Jury where you're from and how you came to live in California? I was born and raised in Gotenborg, Sweden, and I A came to California with my husband around 1970, '69, '70. And we lived one year up in And then the next year we moved down to the beach to And I've always lived in i since then. Now when you moved to , did you live A

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AOM Airline, and I was also working for Air 1 Yes. 2 New Zealand and for Swiss Air. Now, in 1998, did you take a new job? 3 0 Α Yes. What was the new job and please describe? 5 I was asked to become the manager of the Embassy 6 Α Hotel Apartments and the Princess Eugenia Apartments. 7 8 0 All right. And that was in 1998? That was November 1998, yes. Α 9 10 And have you held that position since 1998? 0 Yes, I have. 11 Ā Can you describe, generally, your duties and 12 0 13 responsibilities as the manager? Well, I take care of the quests, you know, they 14 A have foreign guests, I speak many languages, so I take care 15 of the foreign quests. And basically I take care of the 16 personnel who clean the rooms and so forth, it's a very 17 small hotel. And I'm on call five days a week, so if 18 19 something happens, you know, there's a fire or anything like 20 that, I take care of that, as well, call the fire department, and if there is a problem I call the police. 21 22 And basically I'm there night and day to take care of the 23 property.

Q Now, as manager of the apartment, do you come to become familiar with the residents, both in the apartments

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1	and in the Embassy Hotel?
2	A Yes, very much so.
3	Q I'm going to ask you if you became familiar with
4	two individuals who went under the name Charles and Carol
5	Gasko?
6	A Yes, I did.
7	Q And did you know them as Charles and Carol Gasko?
8	A Yes, I did.
9	Q When did you first well, when you became
10	manager in 1998, did you come to know them at that point in
11	time?
12	A Not right away, but when the rent was due I got to
13	know Carol Gasko.
14	Q And now you know them to have different names,
15	James Bulger and Catherine Greig?
16	A Right.
17	Q Okay. As we go along it may be more familiar, the
18	name Gasko may be more familiar to you, I'll try to make
19	that
20	A Right.
21	Q clear as we go along.
22	A Yes.
23	Q Is it fair to say you never knew them as either

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James Bulger or Catherine Greig?

No, not either that name.

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1	,	Q	All right. And so in 1998, at least in 1998, you
2	were	awar	e that the people you knew as Charles and Carol
3	Gasko	o were	e tenants at the Princess Eugenia Apartments?
4		A	That's correct.
5		Q	In which apartment?
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7		Q	And did that ever change between 1998 through June
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9		A	No, they always lived in that apartment.
10		Q	And are you sure, one way or the other, whether
11	they	were	tenants in the apartment prior to the point in
12	time	that	you became manager in 1998?
13		A	No, I'm not really sure about that.
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17		Q	And in 19 I'm going to forward to 1998, just so
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24		Q	And when was that?
25		A	That was when I first took the job at the
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- A Yes, I did, more or less on a regular basis.
- Q And can you describe generally what your interaction was with them, and we'll get to some more precise questions in a moment, but if you could just please describe your interactions with them, generally?

A I'll see sometimes, you know, take the walk down to Phillips Street Promenade in the evening and talking a bit with them. And I know Carol very well when she came in to pay the rent, and we always sat down and talked. She always came in on the weekends when she knew I was working because she liked to talk to me. And we did not become friends, I mean girlfriends or anything like that, but we were -- I knew her very well.

- Q Now, did the person you knew as Carol Gasko ever tell you where she was from?
 - A She told me she was from Chicago.
- Q Could you please describe, if you can recall, what conversation you had with her when you learned or when she told that she was from Chicago?

A Well, since I'm from Sweden, I'm not too good with American accents, so I said, I know that you don't have a New York accent, but you have some kind of accent from the East Coast, I said. And she said, well, we're from Chicago, she goes.

- Q And we, she's referring to herself and the person you knew as?
 - A As her husband, yes.
 - Q And did she refer to Mr. Gasko as her husband?
 - A Yes.
- Q Now you mentioned a few moments ago that the person you knew as Carol Gasko would pay the rent?
 - A She always paid the rent, never him, always she.
- Q Now can you please describe her practice in paying you the rent, what steps did she take?

A Well, she'll come over and sometimes it was -- if I was busy in the office, she'll sit down in the lobby and wait for me and then she'll come into the office. She had a white envelope and she'll put down in front of me, and she had hundred dollar bills, and her rent was \$1,165, there were hundred dollar bills and a fifty and so forth. And they were brand-new so I used to joke sometimes. I said to her, well, did you go and rob the bank again, Carol, I said. And she said, oh, no, I just went to the bank because I had to do some errands and so forth, you know, so I had to take

out the money from the bank so I thought I'd pay the rent at 1 2 the same time. And there were brand-new bills. Sometimes, they were so new, they was put together, you know, really 3 tight. So I counted the bills and everything and then I 4 5 gave her a receipt. And we were just talking about life and so forth in between. 6 7 (Grand Jury Exhibit BF-1 marked.) 8 BY MR. PIROZZOLO: So I'm going to put in front of Q you a document that's been marked for today as BF-1. 9 I'll need my glasses here. 10 And I'll put a copy of that on the screen here. 11 Can you identify the first page of that? 12 13 A It's a receipt that I wrote for her rent in 29th of May and then the 24th of April. 14 And so the top receipt is the receipt for the June 15 Q rent payment? 15 17 Α The June rent, yes, and that was the last time that she paid the rent to me. 18 19 And the next receipt, it's actually two receipts, 20 the second receipt below it for the April rent; do you see 21 that? A Yes. 22 And is that your handwriting? 23 Okay. Q Yes, it is.

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And that's something you provided to her -- each

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1	of those you provided to her?
2	A Yes. Every time.
3	Q On the date that you wrote them?
4	A Yes.
5	Q And, in exchange, that's when she would provide
6	you the cash?
7	A Yes.
8	Q And did she appear at a regular time of the month
9	to provide you to provide you the rent payment?
10	A It was always on a Saturday or Sunday when I was
11	working that she came in.
12	Q Now if you could look at the second page of that
13	exhibit, I'm going to put it up on the screen. And it says
14	a notice of change in terms of tenancy; do you see that?
15	A Yes.
16	Q Can you please describe for the Grand Jury what
17	that document is?
18	A It is a document that the rent control in Santa
19	Monica provides each person who is under rent control, and
20	every year we have to give this to the permanent tenant on
21	the first of August every year because the rent goes up on
22	the first of September. And as you see in there, No. 1,
23	there's is 1123, then you have it multiplied out with an
24	increase of the rent. So the increase that they had in 2010

and 2011 is 1165 with the increase.

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, 1	Q That's the I'm putting it up on the screen
2	here, that's the it says this is your total, 2010, 2011,
3	lawful rent; do you see that?
4	A Yes.
5	Q That's the number you're referring to?
6	A That's it.
7	Q So it's fair to say this document reflects an
8	adjustment for the 2010/2011 year?
9	A Right.
10	Q And Santa Monica is a rent control?
11	A Yes, most of yes, Santa Monica's rent control
12	buildings.
13	Q Okay. And do you know where the Gaskos were
14	did they lease year to year or were they monthly tenants or
15	what was
16	A No, they did not have any lease because when they
17	took the apartment, the other man the other manager,
18	Mrs. Margery Haskell, she was the manager at the time, and
19	she never give any leases or anything to the tenants in the
20	building. So when I took over in 1998, then we started to
21	do lease and we started to check the credit check of people
22	who were moving in and so forth. The Gaskos did not have
23	any lease or any paperwork, anything.

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1	Q When you talked about credit checks and things,
2	those are for tenants that moved in after 1998?
3	A Yes, that's correct.
4	Q And no such credit check was run for Gaskos, as
5	far as you're aware?
6	A No, there was not.
7	Q I'm going to show you another document that's
8	attached to that, so the third page of that document,
9	Exhibit 1, the thing that's titled, Annual Property Tax
10	Bill; do you see that?
11	A Yes.
12	Q Can you explain what that is, what that document
13	is and why it would be attached to or connected with either
14	the rent notice or the receipts?
15	A It's so the permanent resident can see that the
16	owners of the building or the company of the building has
17	paid the taxes for a certain apartment.
18	Q Now, at the Princess Eugenia Apartments, does the
19	owner cover any cover certain utilities?
20	A Trash and water, that's all. Every tenant pays
21	their own electricity.
22	Q And what about cable television?
23	A Cable television, they pay it on their own, yes.

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knew as Carol ---

Now, you mentioned that you and the person you

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Q --- when she paid the rent, you would chat about life? I think you just mentioned that a few ---

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She -- well, we'll talk about a little bit about life more. She was more interested what I was going to do on my vacation or when I went to the hairdresser or when I went to do my nails, whatever. And I gave her the addresses and stuff like that, but I never -- I don't know if she ever went to where I used to go. And then she would -- she was an extremely kind person, she -- a very, very nice person, she -- I knew her as just a very nice person. She would give me little gifts when she came over and pay the rent, I mean, just for, you know, because she wanted to, a silk scarf or a container that you hold cold water in or, you know, fruit or something like that she'll give me. And we'll talk a little but, but not too long because she had to go home to her husband, who she always said, oh, he's -- when I asked her, how is your husband, how is Charlie? Well, he's always sick, and he was smoking so much when he was younger that he has -- what do you call it? Well, when you smoke a lot, you get it.

Q Would it be emphysema?

A Yeah, emphysema. So he had -- he took medication for this, she said.

Q I want to circle back on that testimony. It was

1 the case that Carol did tell you that her husband, who she 2 referred to as Charlie, had emphysema? 3 A Yes. And did she ever explain or did you ever observe 4 0 5 that there were shades over the windows in that apartment? A Yes. I was in there just a couple of times. 6 7 one time, in particular, because we had cut the telephone 8 wire between the two buildings. They had what they call 9 what we call house phones in their apartments before, and 10 the fire department told us we had to cut the wires because 11 it was dangerous. So everybody after that had to get their 12 own telephone. So I knocked on the door and Carol opened 13 the door and she -- and I said, you have to get a phone, I'm 14 not going to give out the number of anything to anybody, but 15 you have to give -- you have to have a telephone so in case 16 of emergency, we have to call you. 17 O About when was this conversation? 18 A This was -- you mean what year? 19 0 Yes, approximately what year? 20 A It's hard to say, but let's see. 21 More than five years ago?

Yes, it's more than five years ago. Since I became manager in '98, it was after, it was '99 or 2000, I would say, something like that.

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And you had this conversation with the person you

knew as Carol in her apartment?

A Yes. I knocked on the door, she opened up the door and then Charlie came and stood next to her, and I explained that they have to. So they told me that I can come in, and I came into the apartment. And I said, oh, it's so dark in here. I said, they had shades over the windows, so really it make it dark. Because apparently he

Q And that's what you were told that's what -- is that what Carol told you or is that what Charlie told you?

was up all night and he needed to sleep during the day.

A No, that was -- they said that he had a hard time to sleep, so, you know, he slept during the day instead.

Q That was when you were visiting, that was when you were in the apartment?

A Yes. Because I said it was so dark in there, so that's what they told me.

Q Okay. And then you had a conversation about the telephone?

A Yes. I had a conversation about the telephone and then Carol came out in the doorway as I was leaving and she said, you know, I have to talk to Charlie about the phone, I can't make the decision myself, so I'll let you know in a few days.

Q Do you recall whether she said that she -- they had no need for a phone or words to that effect?

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I	A Yes. Well, she said that, you know, we don't
2	really need a phone, nobody ever calls us or we don't call
3	anybody, so we don't really need a phone. But I said, you
4	have to have a phone just in case of an emergency. And I
5	said, we will not give out the number in the office, it's,
6	you know, it's something that we don't do. So finally she
7	said, after a day or two, that she would go and get a cell
8	phone, so that's what she did.
-9	Q Now when you went into the apartment, did you make
10	any observations about the person you knew as Charlie?
11	Where was he?
12	A Charlie was sitting on a blue chair, kind of a

Charlie was sitting on a blue chair, kind of a fold-up chair in front of the TV. And he was talking a little bit. And he said he wasn't feeling very well, and, you know, so he needed to have it dark in the apartment.

- .Q . And that he said -- he made that statement in Carol's presence?
 - Α Yes, he did.

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- Now, while you -- during the period of time that you knew the people, Charlie and Carol Gasko, did you ever make observations about their movements in and around Santa Monica?
- Well, the only, as I said, the only time that they would go -- I mean, Carol would go out and do the shopping. She will go a couple of blocks up to a street called

Montana, make a right then walk another four blocks up to a 1 supermarket called Pavilion's Place, and she was doing her 2 grocery shopping, and she was walking home, again. She was 3 always by herself. And the only time that I saw them 4 together that was about 5, 6 o'clock in the evening, they 5 6 would take a stroll down to what we call the Phillips Street It's a couple of blocks away from the building. 7 Promenade. 8 And sometimes I'll drive down there and I'll see them walk 9 on the 3rd Street and I honk the horn and wave at them, and so forth. And that was the only time. 10 I never saw them go 11 down to the beach, I never saw them go down to Ocean Avenue where we have a beautiful park overlooking the ocean in 12 13 Santa Monica, never saw that. And never saw them go any 14 place but to the Phillips Street Promenade, and she by 15 herself to the supermarket.

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Q Now, when you saw them out walking around, did you make any observations about what Mr. Gasko wore?

A Yes. He always wore a round hat, beige round hat, and always, not like a baseball cap or anything, but kind of a round hat like this, and also a blue and red thing around the hat. And then he would hold the hat. The hat would be down where his glasses were. He had very old-fashioned eyeglasses. And so you didn't really see much, you couldn't really see much of him. I mean, you know, you didn't see his hair or anything, you just saw his glasses and his beard

1 | and his hat, always this hat on.

- Q And did she wear anything, in particular?
- A Yes, she always was dressed in most of the time white, white slacks and a white blouse, and sometimes she would wear a white sun hat on. So she was mostly -- it was funny, she was mostly always dressed in white.
- Q Now, did the person you knew as Carol Gasko also take care of a stray cat?

A Yes. She took care of a cat. There was an old man took care of the cat first, and it was a cat around the building. And when the man died, then Carol was very fond of the cat and felt sorry for him and was always out in the early morning or the evening, she'd give food to the cat. And sometimes the cat would go in to the Embassy garden across the street, and she would follow the cat there and give food to the cat.

- Q Did the cat have a name?
- A Tiger we called him.
- Q And was that what Carol called him, as well?
- A Yes. Everybody called the cat, Tiger.
 - Q. Now, you mentioned the one time that you spoke to the people you knew as Mr. and Mrs. Gasko in their apartment about a telephone. Was there another time that you were inside the apartment?
 - A Yes, there was another time I knocked on the door

for some -- for a reason, I can't really remember why, that 1 2 I saw her completely different. I said, oh, Carol, you look 3 so beautiful today, what have you done? And she said, oh, I lost some weight and I cut and colored my hair, got contact 4 5 lenses, she said. And I said, it suits you just great, I 6 said, you look beautiful. 7 Anything further you can recall about that 8 conversation? Not really. I just thought she looked absolutely 9 A 10 completely different than what she looked before. 11 Was Mr. Gasko there? 12 Α Yes, he was next to her. 13 Q Did he speak at all? A He said something about, you know, whatever. 14 didn't really say anything. 15 16 O Now, aside from those two occasions, were you ever 17 in the apartment 18 I was in the apartment twice only. 19 As tenants, did they call -- are you aware of 20 whether they would call for maintenance or other, other 21 things? They were very, very low key. 22 A They did not --23 they did not complain at all almost. I mean, if they complain about something, it was in a very nice way. And 24

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- Now, at some point did the person you knew as Carol talk about them having a niece in the area?
- It was at the same time that -- there was a Yes. girl and her husband, her name was Anna and Harald, they were from Iceland. They lived in the Embassy Hotel Apartments as guests and I became friends with her because we're both from Scandinavia. And then after a while they --Harald and Anna took an apartment down on
- And sometimes Anna would take walks in the evening, she'll come to the Embassy say, hello to me, and then Carol was feeding the cat outside the Embassy, then Anna would stay and talk to her and they became little bit of friends. They had this cat in common.
- Now, at any point did you speak directly with the 0 person you knew as Charles Gasko?
- Sometimes I -- not -- let's see. A talking to both Carol and at one point he opened up the garage door for me, he'd been at the dentist office, and I said to him -- he said, oh, my goodness, gracious, Birgitta, it's really hurting. And I said, you should go get some Vicodin, that makes you fly up in the sky, I said. So he said, he said, well, I have some. I said, I can give to

you, I said. And he said, no, I don't -- I'll tough it out he said, you know.

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And another point they thought I had bought a new car because there was another car in my parking, and they looked at my car and they said, oh, Birgitta, you got yourself a new car, Charlie said to me. And I said, no, it's not my car, it's somebody else's car.

And then there would be times when Carol but Santa Monica Mirror, which is the newspaper, a small newspaper that we have in Santa Monica, she'll put on my windshield if there was something interesting to read about the Embassy or something. And on my birthday she'll put a birthday card on my car and wish me happy birthday from the Gaskos, it said. I haven't saved them, so I don't have any of them any more.

- Q Now, is it fair to say that most of your dealings with the Gaskos was with Carol Gasko and not ---
 - A Yes, it was with ---
 - Q --- and not Charles Gasko?
- 19 | A --- Carol most of the time. Yes.
- Q All right. And did you ever observe them having any visitors in the apartment?
 - A Never. Sometimes she'll come out in the hallway, like to talk to another neighbor or something. And after a while, you know, Charlie would open up the door and he said, Carol, come in here now. So it was like he didn't want her

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- Q Did you observe that yourself?
- A Yes, I did.

- Q Did they have a car?
- A No, they did not have a car.
- Q How did they get around, to your knowledge?

A Well, I remember when the cat was sick one time, she said, Carol said to me, could you call me a taxi, I'll tell you when and what time, because the cat is sick, I have to get him to a vet. And I said to her, there is a taxi driver who lives in the basement of your building, her name is Gayle Shankle, and you can -- you can go and ask her and she'll take you to the vet. So apparently she did that. I don't know when they went, but she went with her in the taxi. And she -- when she had to, she was using a taxi, a taxi, never -- I never seen her with a car.

- Q And you mentioned you observed her often during the day by herself walking?
 - A Yes, I did.
 - O Doing errands?
- 21 A Doing errands, yes.
- Q And did you observe her with a cart of any kind, carrying things to and from the apartment?
 - A Yes. She used to have a little cart, you know, when you carry groceries. And we have a farmers market in

1	Santa Monica every Wednesday and Saturday and she would go
2	down there with her cart and buy fruits and vegetables and
3	stuff like that.
4	Q All right. You mentioned the name of the taxi
5	driver in the basement?
6	A Mm-hm.
7	Q Can you say that name, again; and if you can spell
8	it, please do.
9	A Yes. G-a-y-l-e, Gayle, and Shankle is S-h hold
10	on a second, S-h-a-n-k-l-e, Shankle. And she drives for a
11	company called Taxi Taxi.
12	MR. PIROZZOLO: If I could just have a moment?
13	(Pause.)
14	Q BY MR. PIROZZOLO: How common is it for residents
15	at the Princess Eugenia Apartments to pay in cash?
16	A It's very seldom. I they the Gaskos are the
17	only one that paid cash, everybody else paid with a check.
18	And now recently for the past three years, there is another
19	tenant who is paying maybe two-thirds of her rent cash and
20	the rest is in a check.
21	Q BY MR. HERBERT: Ma'am, I just have a couple
22	questions for you.
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24	Q Given that it was unusual for the residents to pay

in cash, did you ever ask Carol why they paid their rent in.

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cash?

A No, I didn't ask them why they paying rent. I just have joked with her and I said, did you rob the bank again, you know? But I never asked her, no. Because I know that the owners of the building, which is a family-owned property, they kind of like cash, so, you know, people pay in cash, I guess they were happy, and I never asked her.

Q And then you mentioned that she said that they were from Chicago. Did you ever ask her any other questions about their background, when they met, whether they had kids, anything else?

A No. I just -- I said so -- well, I said at one point, I said, so you retired? And she said, yes. And Charlie was much older than she was. I think there's twenty-some years difference between the two of them, so I just thought that they came from the East Coast to Santa Monica. It was all sunshine and palm trees and had retired.

- Q When you had these conversations with her, did she seem relaxed?
- A Oh, she always seemed relaxed. She was very sweet, very nice.
- Q Never seemed to be in distress or under any particular stress?
 - A No. The only time I saw her in -- a little bit in

distress was probably when sometimes I was really busy like 1 2 on a Sunday morning or something and she came, I saw her in 3 the lobby and I knew she was going to pay the rent, always they hand delivered the rent before its time, before it was 4 5 due, they paid the rent, and if she was sitting, waiting too long, she came to me -- she came up to the office and she 6 7 said, Birgitta, do you want me to come later on? No, no, no, I said, I'll be done in a few minutes, you know. 8 That 9 was the only time. I quess, you know, she didn't want to be 10 away too long from him, from her husband, that's what my 11 quess. 12

Q But you said that you often saw her out doing the shopping and she was always alone; is that correct?

A Right. But that was a neces -- I mean, that was something that she had to do, you know. I never saw her talking to anybody when she was -- you know, sometimes I'll see her walk to Montana, not the whole way, I wasn't following her or anything, but I'll see her, but she never talked to anybody.

- Q Do you happen to know which vet they went to?
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- Q Do you know which veterinarian they went to?
- A No, I don't. That's something that Gayle Shankle, who drove her to the vet, would know.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Okay. At this time I'm going to

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excuse the witness, so you could step down? THE WITNESS: Okay. (Whereupon, the witness left the Grand Jury hearing room at 11:46 a.m.) (Whereupon, the witness resumed the witness stand at 11:49 a.m.) BY MR. PIROZZOLO: We're back with the witness and Α Yes.

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you understand you're still under oath?

I have just a few follow-up questions.

First, can you please describe how, with rent control in Santa Monica, what is required, what is the tenant required to provide to be eligible for a rent-controlled apartment

They don't have to provide anything, it's a -- how can I say? It's the City of Santa Monica that at one point decided that it was going to be rent-controlled apartments, meaning, that the owner of the apartment buildings cannot take up the rent as much as they want to. It's every year, rent control board decides it's going to be 2.2 or 3.2 percent increase, a very low increase; that since 19 --I think it was 1999, I'm not really sure, around 1999, there was a new law that said that if somebody moves out from a rent controlled apartment, then the owner can step up the rent to the -- they can increase the rent to the standard of

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living or whatever -- probably a wrong word -- they can 1 increase the rent more than they could before, if somebody 2 3 moves out. But in terms of income verification or any type of 5 information that the tenants have to provide, it's the case 6 that in Santa Monica that's not necessary? 7 A To provide, I'm sorry? Do the tenants have to provide any from of income 8 verification to become eliqible for a rent-controlled 9 apartment? 10 11 No, they don't. Ά There was testimony you gave about a conversation, 12 13 I believe, you may have had with the person you knew as Carol Gasko, about a niece that was in the area? 14 15 Yes. It was -- it was when she got together with A 16 this girl, Anna, about the cat and so forth, and she was 17 telling -- Anna was asking her how long she's been living here and so forth. 18 And that was in your presence? 19 20 No, it wasn't in my presence. Anna told me about 21 this later on ---22 Oh, so ---0 23 A --- I was told. I was a friend of Anna.

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Yeah, that she met this lady who was so nice with

And Anna told you what?

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1 the cat, and they had just moved to Santa Monica so many years ago, and then she had a niece in Santa Monica, that's 2 3 why they came over. All right. When you saw the cash that the person 4 0 5 that you knew as Carol Gasko gave over to you ---A Mm-hm. 6 7 --- month to month for the rent, and you testified that you noticed they were brand-new bills, did you ever 8 9 notice any of the dates on the bills? 10 No, I did not. But they were absolutely brand-new. 11 12 0 Did you ever ask her where she got the money? 13 No. And I believe you said that she said that she got 14 it from a bank? 15 A She said she was down at the bank, but I don't 16 believe she had a bank account. I -- for some reason, you 17 18 know, somebody has a checking account, when they pay the rent. I mean, most people pay with a check. 19 20 And you testified a few minutes ago about the person you knew as Charles Gasko motioning the person you 21 22 knew as Carol Gasko into the apartment after a period of 23 time when she was talking to somebody? 24 A Yes.

Did you make any other observations of Mr. Gasko

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controlling Carol Gasko?

A No, I didn't see it, but I had a sense that he was controlling her, because when she came over sometimes to pay the rent, you know, she couldn't -- it was like she was a little bit nervous if it took too long of a time. She'll sit -- if she came into my office and paid the rent right away, we'll talk at the same time as I was doing the receipt and all that, but if it took too long, it was like she got really nervous, she had to go back to the apartment.

Q So it was more of an impression that you had, rather than you actually saw directly?

A Yes. I never saw any violence or anything, no, not at all. I just ---

Q Or any ordering around or anything like that, not violence, but ordering?

A No, I didn't see that, but I kind of sensed that he was, you know, he was a little bit controlling.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Okay, that's all I have.

Q BY MR. HERBERT: Just to follow up on that.

Would you say that over the years when you're talking to her, you've developed a close enough relationship that if she asked you for help with anything, that you would have helped her?

- A Yes. It depends what it was, yes.
- Q What you mean, it was legal?

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A Yes, yes. Yes, I mean, yes, obviously. But, yes, I mean, she would ask me, you know, she can get the name of my hairdresser, so I wrote it down for her; or if she wants to have a manicure, pedicure, I wrote it down, where I used to go. I said, you can actually walk up to the hairdresser, but she never did. It was, I think it was another hairdresser. There was a couple of hairdressers along the way up on Wilshire Boulevard where mine was. And I heard later on that she stopped at another one who was before mine. But, yes, she asked me for, you know, for help with something, I would help her. She was a very nice person.

- Q So she never indicated that she was in any kind of fear; is that correct?
 - A Oh, no, absolutely not, no.
- Q And if she had indicated she was in any kind of fear, would you have helped her, to the best you could?
- A Well, I would have asked her, what can I do for you, what kind of problems do you have, I would ask her.
- Q And do you feel that your relationship was such that she would know that you were the type of person that would have done that for her?
- A I think that she would know, if she had a problem, to come to me, maybe; because she confided in me one way, and she would have asked me for help if there was something, you know.

1 MR. PIROZZOLO: Okay. Thank you.
2 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
3 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.)
4 (Whereupon, at 11:55 a.m., August 4th, 2011, the
5 above matter was concluded.)

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BERGITTA FARINELLI, Senior Manager, THE EMBASSY HOTEL APARTMENTS, 1001 3rd Street, Santa Monica, California (CA), was interviewed inside of the management office. Also present during the interview was Assistant Chief Inspector Thomas Abernathy, United States Marshals Service. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and Inspector and the nature of the interview, FARINELLI provided the following information:

FARINELLI lives in and receives mail at Her personal telephone number is ,

FARINELLI has been the manager of THE EMBASSY HOTEL APARTMENTS for 14 years. She started around November of 1998. This includes the management of this hotel as well as the residences located in the PRINCESS EUGENIA building located across the street at 1012 3rd Street, Santa Monica, CA.

FARINELLI knew JAMES J. BULGER and CATHERINE GREIG as CHARLES GASKO (CHARLES) and CAROL GASKO (CAROL). CHARLES would also be known as CHARLIE. FARINELLI did not know them by any other names and never heard them refer to each other by any other names.

In approximately 1980 FARINELLI moved into FARINELLI

FARINELLI cannot remember the exact date, but she knew that the GASKO's moved into and lived in Apartment 303 during some of the time that FARINELLI

FARINELLI could not determine the exact date that the GASKO's moved in because the prior manager did not keep a lease or paperwork of when exactly they arrived. FARINELLI did not have a personal recollection of when they moved in other, than as previously stated, it was during the time:

The GASKO's moved in when most of the rooms in the PRINCESS EUGENIA building were treated as hotel apartments, being

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fully furnished. Many of these apartments were rented by individuals from the GETTY MUSEUM.

Prior to 2001 or 2002, there was a house phone between the buildings. The phone number to this phone was Each apartment had an individual extension. The extension for Apartment 303 was 2303. Each resident was then provided with a monthly bill for charges on their extension. FARINELLI thought that the GASKO's rarely use this phone if at all. Sometime around 2001 or 2002, the line for the house phone between the two buildings had to be cut per order of the fire department. When this line was cut the GASKO's no longer had phone service. FARINELLI told them that they needed to get a phone, so that they could be contacted if there was an emergency. CAROL seemed very nervous about getting a phone. FARINELLI told her that they could just get a cheap cell phone. CAROL eventually bought a cell phone and provided FARINELLI with the number which was

FARINELLI got to know CAROL well when she (FARINELLI) became the manager. Before that, FARINELLI only knew the GASKO's as and did not have a lot of contact with them. CAROL would always pay the rent. She almost always showed up at the EMBASSY HOTEL building a week before the rent was due to pay it. The rent was \$1165 and CAROL would always pay the rent in cash, using \$100 bills, plus one fifty, a ten and five. At this time CAROL and FARINELLI would sit in chat and that is how they became better acquainted.

CHARLES never came out of the apartment. FARINELLI noticed that CAROL and CHARLES had a thick accent; his thicker than hers. FARINELLI told CAROL that she knew that the accent was not from New York, and asked CAROL where she was from. CAROL admitted to her that she was from Boston. CAROL also told her that they moved to Santa Monica because the weather was better. CAROL added that she had sister. However, she and CHARLES had no children. CAROL never had anything positive to say about CHARLES. She always seemed irritated with him. CAROL added that he was a heavy smoker, had emphysema, and that he had to go to the doctor a lot.

CAROL would always go out by herself wearing a big white hat. CAROL would walk to PAVILION'S PLACE located at Montana and 9th Street, and to the farmer's market located at Arizona and 3rd Street. CAROL and CHARLES would usually go out in the evening around dusk for a walk. He would always wear a brown hat with red and blue trim and big, out of date glasses. CHARLES and CAROL did

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not have a car. FARINELLI also never saw them in a car. CAROL would occasionally take a taxi cab to the dentist or the pet shop.

FARINELLI stated that CHARLES was very possessive of CAROL. She always had to be there for him. Someone in the building told FARINELLI that if CAROL was talking to someone in the hallway for too long, that CHARLES would come out and tell her to come back inside. One of the residents, BARBARA GLUCK did not like CHARLES. GLUCK may have been the one that told FARINELLI that about CHARLES asking CAROL to return to the apartment.

One time CAROL told FARINELLI that she and CHARLES had gone to Sicily on a trip prior to moving to Santa Monica.

FARINELLI usually saw CAROL approximately 3 to 4 times a week and she would see CHARLES about once a week to every 10 days. FARINELLI was asked if there was anything that she thought was strange about CAROL or CHARLES. She replied that when CAROL would come out of the building she usually looked around. There was nothing else interesting about them, they had no friends or car.

FARINELLI had only been inside their apartment one time. FARINELLI thought that it was FARINELLI noted that there was something dark covering the windows. She did not see a computer.

CAROL was usually the one to check the mail.

One time approximately 7 or 8 years ago. FARINELLI had not seen CAROL for while, so she decided to go to the apartment and see if she was home. CAROL answered the door and CHARLES came immediately to her side. CAROL looked really good. Her hair had been colored, she had new glasses, and she looked thinner in her face. The glasses may have been Armani. When FARINELLI inquired about the change in her appearance CAROL told her that she had gone on a diet. FARINELLI was shown a New York identification card, in the name of ______, by the undersigned Agent. FARINELLI was asked if the glasses worn by the woman in the picture were the same ones that she had seen CAROL wearing. FARINELLI replied that those were CAROL's old glasses and went on to identify the woman in the picture as CAROL.

As long as FARINELLI has known them, CHARLES has always had a beard. CAROL always dressed nicely, casually, and mostly in pants.

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FARINELLI has seen CAROL with keys open the door to the Apartment 303. Both CAROL and CHARLES had a set of keys.

One time CAROL told FARINELLI that she and CHARLES were notting new stainless steel appliances. CAROL was very exited about this. She told FARINELLI that when they were delivered that the should come and take a look at them. FARINELLI did not know if they actually got the appliances because CAROL never invited her into the apartment to see them.

CAROL would give inexpensive Christmas gifts to FARINELLI and the other manager, JOSH BOND.

FARINELLI had not seen the note and was posted on the 3rd floor door to the roof.

FARINELLI knew that CAROL had been a dental hygienist but could not remember if someone had told her that or if she saw it on the recent news reports.

ENRIQUE SANCHEZ is the maintenance man for the buildings. He would talk to CHARLES a lot. He has been inside of their apartment to fix things:

FARINELLI was not familiar with the name DENISE WALSH. FARINELLI checked the computer to see if she was a resident at the hotel or apartments, and the results came back negative.

CAROL used to feed the cat of an old man that died,

FARINELLI was concerned that people would think that she will the one that provided the tip to the FBI that resulted in the inject of the GASKO's, because she was in Southern France on vication during this time. FARINELLI had heard on the news that the person that turned them in was in or from Europe. FARINELLI is from Sweden. Also in 2003 or 2004, FARINELLI assisted law enforcement, probably the FBI, in arresting a resident that lived in Apartment 107 of the PRINCESS EUGENIA building. FARINELLI could not remember his name, but knew that he was arrested for some sort of check fraud.

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APPEARANCE: JACK W. PIROZZOLO & JAMES D. HERBERT

Assistant U.S. Attorneys

WITNESS: MICHAEL J. CARAZZA

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1995, or early in the morning on January 6th of 1995, to your knowledge, was there any law enforcement contact with Ms. Greig?

- A There was.
 - Q And what did you learn about that?
- A Massachusetts State Police Retired Colonel Thomas Foley, who at the time was a member of their special services section working organized crime matters and specifically the Bulger and Flemmi case, traveled to Catherine Greig's home in the Squantum section of Quincy with a fellow Massachusetts State Police officer and they were met in the driveway of Catherine Greig's home by Catherine Greig. Massachusetts State Police Office Foley, who at the time I believe was a Sergeant, and then later ascended to Colonel, indicated to Catherine Greig that they were looking for Jim Bulger, that they wanted to look inside the house. She said she had nothing to say to them, they weren't going in her house. And Tom Foley also indicated that there were some expletives from Catherine Greig towards them.
- Q Did you get this information directly from Mr. Foley?
 - A I did.
- Q And did he indicate that he went, he and the other officer from Massachusetts State Police, went to Ms. Greig's

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